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SEA WATER IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that after Tsunami effect the people of coastal areas particularly in District of Tamil Nadu of the country, are panicky of high tide sea waves as sea water intrudes in the nearby villages because of increase of sea level as a result of melting of snow in Antarctic Region;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted by the Government on such unusual navigation activities;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. No sea level rise has occurred due to melting of snow in Antarctic region after Tsunami. Snow melt in polar region and resultant sea level rise are very long term phenomena. However, sometimes especially during monsoon months due to intensive wave action associated with onshore winds and tidal conditions, inundation of seawater takes place along the coastal areas, which is a seasonal phenomena. This causes the nearby coastal population to get scared remembering the devastating Tsunami of 26.12.2004.

(e) Does not arise.